

# POEM BY UNCLE JOHN



## THE BUSY LINE

Of all sad words of tongue or pen, that aggravate the ears of men, until the weak ones want to cuss, while repetition makes things wuss,—the bitterest words that come my way, is, when I hear the central say,—“Lane’s bizzy!”

It allers makes me fairly groan, to grab that handy office phone, and growl a number in the thing, expectin’ that the gal will ring, when “click-etty-click” there comes a buzz that would upset the Man of Uz,—“Lane’s bizzy!”

It lacerates a feller’s wits, an’ makes him paw, an’ champ the bits, when he puts in a hurry call, that won’t admit delay at all,—Of course it flops him, mighty near, to have it gritted in his ear,—“Lane’s bizzy!”

You know I hardly ever grouch, or duck my game, or holler “ouch,” but when I hear that doggone click, it mighty nearly makes me sick, and throws my patience out of whack, to ketch that everlastin’ quack,—“Lane’s bizzy!”

## WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

### INTERESTING ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES WHICH REACH OUR DESK.

#### COMPENSATION

Hankins-Miller Post of the American Legion completed the census of ex-service men last week. In all forty-four men were interviewed. All of these forty-four voted for adjusted compensation. Sixteen of the forty-four voted for paid up insurance, twenty for farm and home aid, and eight voted for cash.—Paxton Times.

#### NO LYCEUM

It is to be regretted that the lyceum did not pay out this year. We still maintain, as we always have, that the lyceum is a good thing for a town. But it is rather discouraging to those who believe in the lyceum and its good influence to be compelled to crowd upon a resisting public a thing they do not seem to want and dig up \$14.00 each for the privilege. For our part we would say to let the lyceum drop for a year or two.—Maxwell Telepost.

#### IN JAIL

Ted Johnson, a member of the basket ball team had an altercation with his parents a few days ago in which he is accused of assaulting them, and after a trial before Judge Shary he was assessed a fine which he was unable to pay and is putting in an equivalent in time in the county jail, instead of being with the rest of the basket ball artists at Lincoln just now.—Gering Courier.

#### BEET PRICES

August Hagge, field agent for the American Beet Sugar company arrived Tuesday and will soon com-

mence writing contracts for beets. The American people are paying a \$5.00 flat rates for beets this season, which together with \$18.00 labor, makes a very fair contract, and beet growers can make good on it. How the American people can pay 1.00 per ton more for beets than the Great Western is beyond our comprehension, but that is the way it stands.—Hershey Times.

On Saturday last C. W. Botkin, editor of the Gothenburg Independent, was a pleasant caller at this office. Some time ago Mr. Botkin made the statement that there were three things that he would not do: Play golf, smoke cigarettes, and wear B. V. D.’s. During our conversation we learned that he had joined the golf club at Gothenburg, that he also smoked cigarettes, and when the time comes for such articles to be worn, we are of the opinion that he will do the B. V. D.’s. There is an old saw that runs something like this, “Wise men change their minds, but fools never do.”—Dawson County Pioneer.

#### HOLDS OVER

After some discussions and arrangements for candidates for the office of county judges, the revised constitution was looked over and it is discovered, or rather the memory is jogged, that the constitution was revised in the matter of judges, who are all elected on non-political ballots. The revisions made on this matter is that beginning with the year 1920 supreme judges, district judges and county judges shall serve for a term of four years. This settles the mooted question, and Judge Tewell, who was appointed to fulfill Judge Grimes’ term, will continue to serve until the proper judicial election in 1924.—Sidney Telegraph.

#### TRANSMISSION

The latest developments in the proposed Brady to North Platte transmission line are that the successful bidders, the Hennington Engineering

Co., of Omaha, have sold the bonds voted here and at Maxwell. This became quite generally known last Saturday evening, although some had known of the sale several days before.

Several weeks ago the village board had requested the return of the bonds, as every effort to secure a right of way west had met with failure. A representative of the company at a recent joint board meeting at Maxwell, stated they would return the bonds if no right of way was secured before the following Monday and for that matter no right of way has yet been secured. Robert Beatty, the village attorney, was requested to write for the bonds, and after several days, the word comes that the bonds have been disposed of.—Brady Vindicator.

#### DUNN’S REVIEW SAYS

Even with the holiday interruption, the week has been productive of a further moderate enlargement of the volume of business. While clearly lacking uniformity, the betterment of conditions is more distinct in different branches of enterprise, and indications point to continued gradual and irregular progress. Response to the recent noteworthy rise of grain prices has appeared in the strengthened confidence and increased buying of merchandise in the west, and financial sentiment has reflected the easier money situation and the upward trend of securities markets. Unfavorable aspects are still conspicuous and will not be quickly eliminated but the underlying factors that will govern the future course of business are more reassuring, and more positive evidence of revival is disclosed in iron and steel and elsewhere. With the end of the winter approaching, seasonal expansion of operations begins to develop in various trades and sections of the country, and unemployment of workers, altho remaining an unsatisfactory feature it rather less extensive than recently. The improvement in this connection has been retarded by strikes at some manufacturing centers yet wage reductions have been accepted in some instances where controversies have arisen, and labor uncertainties in the transportation and fuel fields have not had a general disturbing influence. While the many conflicting phases render a broad characterization of conditions difficult, it is significant that there is more of a disposition to place replenishment orders as stocks of goods become depleted, and purchasing in anticipation of forward requirements if continuing very conservative is broadening moderately.

Miss Nell Cooney and sister, Mrs. Keith Morehouse, returned Sunday night from Omaha where they attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. T. J. Ryan. They also visited their parents at Overton, Neb., before returning home.

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## MANY HONORS AWARDED TO BOY SCOUTS AT JOINT TROOP MEETING

Following is a list of the scouts who received honors at the monthly joint meeting of all troops, which was held in the Franklin auditorium last week: Tenderfoot pins to Frank Chilton and Albert Moran, troop three; Wayne Rosencrants, troop five; Paul Fitzpatrick and Albert Herrod, troop seven; second class scout pins to Auldwin Berthe, Otis Cross and Robert Swenson, troop four; Raymond Miles, John O’Keefe and Frank Suponchick, troop seven; Lawrence Bloek and Walter Bretzer, troop nine. Darrell Trout, three received two merit badges; Chas. Tucker, troop five received two; Beeler Scott, troop five, received four and Calvert Naviaux, of troop nine, received eight. Regarding this part of scouting, Secretary James E. Davis of the United States Department of Labor says:

Some phases of the boy scout program are carried on so quietly, the general public does not realize the wide range of activities to which these boys apply themselves. In going after the coveted Eagle rank, the highest attainable by a boy, scouts must pass quite difficult tests in twenty one out of seventy-one vocational studies. Most of these studies are utilitarian in character and call for the aid of professional men and skilled workmen. So these youngsters have the good fortune of the personal help of experts in such subjects as carpentry, machinery, architecture, chemistry, masonry, surveying and various others. Master carpenters and skilled craftsmen serve on the Courts of Honor to pass upon the qualifications of scouts in the various subjects, besides assisting them in getting down the practical points of the subject down fine.

Grace Hirsch returned Sunday from Lincoln where she attended the basket ball tournament.

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#### EGGS FOR HATCHING

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## THE SPANISH FLUE

Ever since the fourth of March I’ve sat around the house so blue, Until I feel I’m out of starch I guess I’ve got the Spanish Flue. Now I’m laid up in the house With nothing much to do, But listen to the knowing mouse With that cursed Spanish Flue. Today the doctor handed me A small tube made of glass. Put this in your mouth said he I want to see if you can pass. Then he put me on the bed Thrust his thumbs into my back. Then he twisted my sore head Till I heard my neck bones crack. I sit and look the window out And think what I would do. Then I hear the doctor shout Yes, you’ve got the Spanish Flue. The doctor came again today And handed me that little tool.

And said, why do you disobey Why don’t you stay in bed you fool Life’s to short to stay in bed When there is so much to do, I like to putter round the shed Go! Durn, this Spanish Flue. The spanish flue originated Where the Oceans deep and blue, For when Dewey emigrated Then’s when the Spanish Flew. J. W. Le-



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## Get The Big Newspaper That Is Fighting Your Fight.

This year promises to be notable for big problems. What can be done to restore prosperity to the country? How can we reduce taxes? How can stable good prices for farm products be brought back? How can freight rates be reduced and railroad business restored? How can we pay our debts, public and private? How can the millions of idle men be put to work? How can we get back to a profitable relationship with Europe, the great customer for our surplus cotton, corn, copper, wheat, cattle and hogs? How can we get rid of the burdens of war and make the blessings of peace permanent? We have opened a new chapter in the world’s history. To study it and to understand it all should read a daily newspaper, and Senator Hitchcock’s newspaper, the Omaha World-Herald, is beyond doubt the largest and the best in Nebraska. Senator Hitchcock established this paper in 1885, nearly thirty-seven years ago.

For more than a third of a century, therefore, this newspaper has been under his control and management. During many of these years he acted as editor. In 1894, on his invitation, Mr. William J. Bryan became editor for two years, only resigning to run for president. Mr. Bryan was succeeded as editor by Mr. R. L. Metcalf and on the latter’s resignation Mr. Hitchcock again took over the editorship. At that time he associated with himself Mr. H. E. Newbranch. About that time Mr. Hitchcock entered the lower house of congress where he served three terms. When elected to the United States senate eleven years ago he turned over full editorial responsibility to Mr. Newbranch, who has been a member of the World-Herald staff for twenty-three years.

For thirty-seven years Senator Hitchcock has been president of the company which owns and publishes the World-Herald. With steady and unswerving purpose over that long period the newspaper has fought the battle of the people. During about half that time Mr. Hitchcock has been in public life in Washington and what he has stood for there his newspaper has led the fight for in the west.

The policy of the World-Herald has been permanent and it has been popular. Another element in the success of the World-Herald has been its independence. Behind its ownership there are no public utilities, no railroad interests, no entangling alliances either corporate or individual. The result is a free and untrammelled newspaper which under unchanged ownership and control has stood uniformly for public interest and popular rights for all these years. Among the causes which it championed in the past are the maximum freight law, the anti-pass law, the two-cent fare law, and the law for taxation of railway terminals. The World-Herald is a pioneer in the fight for direct primaries, for the popular election of United States senators, for the graduated income tax, for the initiative and referendum, for the guarantee of bank deposits, for postal savings banks, for the farm loan banking system, and for the municipal ownership of water works in Omaha.

As the leading exponent of progressive democracy the World-Herald fought the battles for William J. Bryan in three presidential campaigns and did its share to carry Nebraska for Woodrow Wilson in two great campaigns.

Its leadership in fusion movements in the early 90’s helped to rescue the state from the railroads and other corporate interests and to make Nebraska one of the progressive states of the union.

In all the great constructive acts of Woodrow Wilson’s administration the World-Herald as a newspaper, and Senator Hitchcock as its chief owner, took an active part.

A sincere believer in fundamental democratic doctrine, Mr. Hitchcock has not hesitated to differ with his party and its leadership when his convictions impelled him to that course.

The World-Herald today stands for the same general policies in the interest of the people that it has championed for thirty-seven years. It stands with Senator Hitchcock in the fight he has made to promote the interests of agriculture and reduce the general burdens of taxation, to maintain the graduated income tax on large incomes and the excess profits taxes on highly profitable business. It stands with him in his effort to secure broader and more profitable markets for the surplus products of America, including the cotton of the south and the grain and live stock of the west. It stands, as he stands, for disarmament, for cutting governmental expenses, state and national, for simplifying government and for getting back to Jeffersonian simplicity in public affairs.

It stands for Senator Hitchcock’s bill providing for the establishment of a Bank of Nations in order that it may be made possible to establish a system of credit to stimulate the sales of our products to European countries and revive our export trade so that the farmers and stock raisers may get living prices for their corn, their wheat, their cattle and their hogs. Anyone desiring a copy of this bill together with an explanation of it will receive it by dropping a postal card to the World-Herald, whether he is a subscriber or not.

If you are not a subscriber, the World-Herald would like to have you for a subscriber. The price is \$6.00 a year, or we will be glad to send it to you for six months for \$3.00. This includes the Sunday World-Herald.

It can be honestly said that the World-Herald is the largest and best daily and Sunday newspaper in the state and one of the largest and best in the whole west. Its news service is superior to that of any other Nebraska newspaper. It publishes more and better market reports than any Nebraska newspaper. It has the full Associated Press service. It has many special correspondents. It has many literary features including stories. Its Sunday issue is almost equal to a magazine. It carries almost twice as much advertising as any newspaper in Nebraska. It has a circulation of over 51,000 copies a day. It has a fine special cable service of the news of the world. It has features for women and features for children, and for six months it costs only \$3.00 for daily with Sunday.

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